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***ENZI PRAISES SENATE APPROVAL OF BILL TO RAISE
AWARENESS OF GYNECOLOGIC CANCERS***

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY), Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, today praised Senate passage of the “Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act,” commonly known as “Johanna’s Law,” which raises awareness about the symptoms and risk factors of gynecologic cancers.

“Many women in America do not recognize the symptoms of ovarian and other gynecologic cancers, and some do not realize they are at risk until sadly it is too late,” Enzi said. “This bill will create a national awareness and education campaign to provide women with valuable information, encourage them to talk to their doctors about gynecologic cancers, and hopefully save lives through early detection and treatment.”

When gynecologic cancers are detected and treated early, patients have a very high 5-year survival rate – approximately 90 percent. Tragically, many women are not diagnosed until their cancers have reached later stages when treatment becomes more difficult and survival rates fall.

“Millions of cancer patients and survivors have advocated tirelessly on behalf of this bill, and I acknowledge and thank them for their efforts,” Enzi said. “They understand the importance of improving education and awareness of the symptoms of cancers to improve the chances of early detection and save lives.”

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